



## **Hampshire Children and Families Forum**

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### **Gosport Forum Branch Meeting Minutes Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

#### **1. Apologies and introductions**

Sara Brown (Home-start Gosport and Fareham), Ann Carnell (Behaviour Support Team), Sue Clodfelter (Sure Start Librarian), Amy Ford (Anti Social Behaviour Officer), David Jenkins (Early Intervention Drug Prevention Advisor), Rosellen Lambert (Bridgemary Community School), Jackie Lewis (Children's Librarian), Angela Tyreman (Health Visitor), Janet Wildman (Search Museum).

#### **In attendance**

Dawn Bishop	Holbrook / Woodcot Primary
Karen Brotherton	HCF Gosport Chair / KIDs
Zella Compton	HCF Co-ordinator Gosport
Sara Gillard	Fareham & Gosport Library Development Team
Mandy Helger	Pre-school Learning Alliance
Janine Leslie	YISP
Brian Mathews	GBC
Zaudia Ranger	Brune Park
Katie Sheehan	Newtown Primary
June Smith	HEYC
Lauren Stevens	Brune Park
Elle Wagnell	YISP
Kim Weane	HEYC
Sue Wing	NCMA

#### **2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

Previous minutes were approved with minor amendments.

Matters arising. Brian Mathews agreed to pursue Pam Conway for results of feedback from young people regarding the Youth Festival.

**ACTION: Brian Mathews**

#### **3. Speaker**

Zella Compton, the new HCF Gosport Co-ordinator introduced herself and outlined her background in publishing and PR. She thanked the previous coordinators, Julie Bishop and Kaye Bunney and said she hoped to build on their good work in terms of dissemination of information, increasing parental input and keeping the directory updated.

Zella also mentioned that any support / suggestions / guidance would be more than welcomed.

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**ACTION: ALL BRANCH MEMBERS**

#### **4. Branch Coordinator report including Sure Start Programme Jan 05 – to date**

The previous coordinator, Julie Bishop, attended the Fareham Forum in January and the Haven EYC Open Day to support the centre and promote HCF's aims etc.

At the cluster meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> February, Pippa Timms from PUEF met with HCF members and Debra Gibbs. PUEF has confirmed its intentions to remain focused on the under eights and networking with agencies rather than directly with parents. It was recognized that there is much common ground between PUEF and the south HCF

cluster, therefore Debra Gibbs will propose to the Exec that PUEF are invited to attend South East cluster meetings in the future.

The newsletter focused on future events.

Consultation: childcare availability for 10-13 year olds.

Obtaining responses for this consultation proved to be difficult. Julie placed the bulk of her questionnaires in two junior schools. A drop of 131 resulted in 13 responses. More disappointing, Julie managed to distribute approximately 1100 through a contact at a senior school (at the school's expense) and only received four replies. To build on this she approached parents at an infant school that may have had elder siblings or neighbours at out of school activity sessions. She found two parents who attended parent training sessions at St Vincent's College and was able to gain responses and feedback from a number of parents with appropriately aged children. The completed report should be available at the next branch meeting.

Regarding other consultations, a hard copy of the Admission into School Year Report was available at the forum. Although not available on the web yet, the CIS consultation is. Also on the table was a copy of Horizons magazine which contains an article about the after school club consultation undertaken by HCFE.

This term HCFE will be consulting on dental care. Zella distributed copies of the questionnaire for members to take away with them (noting that members would need to put their names on it as contacts). Zella mentioned that two leaflets from the NHS about registering with dentists etc had been ordered and she would hand those to people she questioned who did not currently have a dentist.

There is now a direct link to the Gosport web pages which is [www.hcff.org.uk/gosport.html](http://www.hcff.org.uk/gosport.html) which should save time in accessing the Gosport pages.

Zella Compton also attended the Havant branch forum earlier this week which was very informative and visited the Gosport Discovery Centre with a box of directories.

HCFE aims to continue to support the current Sure Start plan by promoting childcare as a career and aiding recruitment in this field. This can be done in a practical manner by advertising vacancies and training in the newsletter and signposting the CIS as a facility to finding out more about working in childcare.

#### **5. Update on extending HCFE remit to include young people**

All branches voted in favour of extending the remit of HCFE to include under 19s. It has also been agreed by the charity commission and an Exec meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2005 to set up an EGM. Further information about this will follow shortly.

#### **6. Information Exchange**

**Dawn Bishop** (Family Link Support Worker) reported on developing Home School Links. She is busy linking with learning programmes, parenting courses, children's learning, community action (i.e. mural making). The roles of HSLWs will be changing due to FASST and these are in the process of evolving. This should bring closer working between agencies and develop communication links, signposting etc. Dawn mentioned her involvement in CPCK (Confident Parents, Confident Kids) and is aiming to develop SPOT (Supporting Parents of Teenagers) courses for older years and look at areas of transition.

**Karen Brotherton** (KIDS) highlighted a Special Needs, Special Families course that is available and suggested that contact be made with Barbara Cook and Anna Thorne Contact details 01962 869611.

**June Smith** (HEYC) introduced herself as having a joint role in managing the day care centre at Haven and developing training and play-schemes. She detailed training sessions that will start shortly at the Haven. A new CPCK is to start in June running in parallel with the confidence course. A CPCK for dads only will be run at the Rugby Club.

Baby first aid courses will take place on 10-12 May and 17-19 May from 9.15 – 11.15am. This is a first aid course with a paediatric link and costs five pounds. It is for any parents in Gosport although there are no crèche facilities. Further details on all courses: 01329 237227.

**Sue Wing** (NCMA) asked for clarification of whether she could publicise this to childminders. Kim Weane (HEYC) and June Smith affirmed this.

**Dawn Bishop** queried the availability of family learning money to teach first aid to young carers. She noted that some young children are coping with enormous pressures at home and if she couldn't access funds for this, could she link in with someone else?

**Brian Mathews** (Gosport Borough Council) advised contacting Gaynor Tizzard.

**Mandy Helyor's** (Pre-school Learning Alliance) role is changing in September. A discussion is taking place currently as to whether to extend the development role from 0-pre school (as opposed to 0-3 and pre-school age group). A consistent approach could be more beneficial.

**Sara Gillard** (Fareham / Gosport Library Development Team) noted the success of the Discovery Centre opening and asked forum members to publicise baby rhyme times (2 – 2.30 alternate Thursdays from May 5<sup>th</sup>) and story times for under fives (every wed 2-2.30pm). both groups continue throughout school holidays.

There are two new reading groups:

11-14yrs 21<sup>st</sup> June 4-5pm T-Zone (John Sedden – author Mudlark – will be speaking).

8-11 yrs 28<sup>th</sup> June 4-4.45pm children's library

Refreshments are provided and there is no need to book. Phone 02392 523431 for info.

Elson Library has a 'Suitcase Kids' session on 2<sup>nd</sup> June for 5-10 yr olds exploring what it was like to be an evacuee from 10.30 – 11.30am. Tel Elson Library on 02392 582162.

**Lauren Stevens** (Brune Park) asked for an extension to the age ranges but Sara Gillard noted time and budget constraints. Karen Brotherton asked about facilitating to enable younger adults to set up their own groups. Sara Gillard agreed to speak to Jackie Lewis. **ACTION: SARA GILLARD**

**Elle Wagnell** noted that YISP has been meeting with private agencies to bring services to Gosport such as Motivate and Dream Wall. A transitional programme is being put together for children with behavioural problems in year 6 to build up their confidence. Elle Wagnell asked if anyone had suggestions about where the city farm is now located. Brian Mathews suggested contacting Fred Gibson of the countryside unit (02392 588666) and Sam Mitchell (023 92504715) about a mobile farm.

**Janine Leslie** (YISP) pointed out that some children's empathy shuts down at three years old and by working with animals this may be reopened by touching and caring in a non-sexual, non-aggressive way.

**Zaudia Ranger** (Brune Park) noted that Kevin Bedford had helped her previously and she would pass on his number to Janine Leslie. **ACTION ZAUDIA RANGER**

**Lauren Stevens** (Brune Park) explained that Battle Force, a Saturday games workshop for ages 10 and up, has started at Brune Park. She is looking for adult helpers to extend the club and mentioned that students from all Gosport schools are welcome.

There is a Silver Surfers day (for over 50s) taking place on May 27 10am-4pm as part of National Adult Education Week.

**Zaudia Ranger** is working with cluster schools to develop family learning. This will start in the autumn term with workshops and then a developing programme. Outside agencies will be invited in to talk about the wider issues of teenage life and to Year 6 parents.

The family learning course will link with junior and primary schools to look at the wider aspects of how parents can help their children.

Janine Leslie commented that she felt a course for parents of children with ADHD would be beneficial. Karen Brotherton noted that some parents of children who have been diagnosed with ADHD, Autism or learning disabilities and attend mainstream schools are in a minority and may need support.

A general discussion followed regarding attracting the parents who needed motivating, not those who are motivated already.

It was agreed that life long learning had to be encouraged, that SENCOs know parents well and should be used as an access resource and that a holistic approach to families should be taken, supporting them from very young children through the school years offering a complete service.

**Sue Wing** (NCMA) introduced herself and noted that NCMA offered respite care for foster parents and that it worked closely with CIS offering a choice of settings and providers to parents.

The week of June 20<sup>th</sup> is national Childminders week with a theme of 'making chatter matter'.

**Brian Mathews** (GBC) welcomed the addition of new after school clubs coming on line and stated that full details will be available shortly. A finalised list of summer playschemes should be available at the end of June. Brian noted that he has access to external funding via the children's fund for supporting children with additional needs during the holidays.

He mentioned that Pam Conway asked that the Youth Festival in Walpole Park (July9th) was mentioned and that if anyone could help to contact her (0239258 4242)

**7. Summer Term Newsletter**

Deadline is May 6<sup>th</sup>, distribution will take place the week beginning June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that the deadline for Autumn term articles is 7<sup>th</sup> October with distribution the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**8. AOB**

Janine Leslie stated that YISP is looking for mentors. This is paid work which fits around an individual's commitments. Those interested must be over 18 and be active and positive people.

**9. Dates of next meetings**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2005, 10.30-12.30, Haven Early Years Centre.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2006, Haven Early Years Centre – NEW TIME 10.00am – 12.00

Please bring any ideas / information for the newsletter.